Broad policy on FTAs

1380. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government has formulated a broad policy on the FTAs;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of the FTAs signed during the last five years; and

(d) the annual details of the balance of trade with the partner countries/trading blocs during this period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. India gives primacy to engagements in multilateral negotiations at the World Trade Organization, Free Trade Agreements, in India's view, should be the 'building blocks' towards achieving the overall objective of trade liberalization and should thus complement the multilateral trading system. Underlining India's engagement with its trading partners is the desire to expand and deepen export markets and attract investments.

(c) Details of the FTAs signed during the last five years:

S.No.	Name of the Agreement	Date of Signing of the Agreement	Partner countries
1	Agreement on SAFTA	4th January, 2004	Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Bhutan and the Maldives
2	India-Singapore Comprehensive Economic Cooperation Agreement	29th June, 2005	Singapore
3	India-Nepal Treaty of Trade	Renewed on 6th March, 2007	Nepal
4	India-Bhutan Agreement on Trade Commerce and Transit	Renewed on 28th July, 2006	Bhutan
5	ASEAN-India Free Trade Agreement in Goods	Aug. 13, 2009	Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam
6	India-S. Korea Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement	Aug. 7, 2009	S. Korea

(d) Annual details of the balance of trade with the partner countries/trading bloes during this periods:

Trade balance with FTA partner countries/trading blocs - Rs. Crores

Country	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
Sri Lanka	4649	6406	8077	8833	7806
Bhutan	61	46	-380	-434	-171
Nepal	1785	2126	2817	3536	3537
Singapore	6062	9171	2622	-3020	3280
SAFTA	16216	18304	22453	30219	23664
S. Korea*	-11085	-12116	-10368	-12826	-17486
ASEAN*	-3095	-2091	-24842	-25313	-28905

*ASEAN - India Free Trade Agreement in goods and India-S. Korea Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreements have been signed but not operationalised yet.

Implementation of proposals for industrialisation of A.P.

1381. SHRI SYED AZEEZ PASHA:

SHRI NANDI YELLAIAH:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposals for industrialisation, trade promotion and setting up of industries for the economic development of Andhra Pradesh are pending with the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when these proposals are likely to be cleared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) A list of Industrial License applications from Andhra Pradesh received by Department of Industrial Policy and Promotion is enclosed as Statement (*See* below).

(c) The issue of Industrial Licenses is a continuous process. Cases are disposed off by the Licensing Committee after receipt of comments from the Administrative Ministries/Departments concerned.

Statement

List of pending industrial license applications of Andhra Pradesh

Sl. No	Location	Name of the Company	Item of manufacture
1	2	3	4
176/IL/07 dt 05.11.07	Hyderabad, A.P	M/s Ananth Technologies Ltd.	Defence equipment